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TITLE: Stateful Business-to-Business
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Application - 20 pages of Specification, 5 pages of Claims and 1 page of Abstract
11 Sheets of informal drawing(s)
Declaration and Power of Attorney (unexecuted)

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Total Claims	24-20 =	4	x \$18 =	\$72
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Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if applicable			\$270 =	\$0
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